# LEGAL DEBT MARGIN GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Article 9, Section 5, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution establishes the maximum debt limits for counties and other political subdivisions of the State. Under the Constitution, certain types of debt issued by a political subdivision, including counties, cannot exceed an amount which is equal to 10 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property located within that particular entity.

As indicated by the calculation in the table below, the legal debt margin of Fayette County at the beginning of the 2006 fiscal year is at least \$477,634,771. This is based on the latest tax digest (i.e., the 2005 calendar year) that has actually approved by the Department of Revenue.

The legal debt margin amount is important in that it represents the net amount of external financing resources that is available to the County through the issuance of general obligation (G.O.) bonds. G.O. bonds are debt instruments issued in the name of the government and whose repayment is guaranteed through a pledge of the full faith and credit of the issuer. In layman's terms, when the majority of voters in a county approve a general obligation bond referendum, they are guaranteeing the purchaser of that bond that they will pay property taxes in an amount that is sufficient to redeem the bond upon maturity and pay the interest earned on the outstanding bonds.

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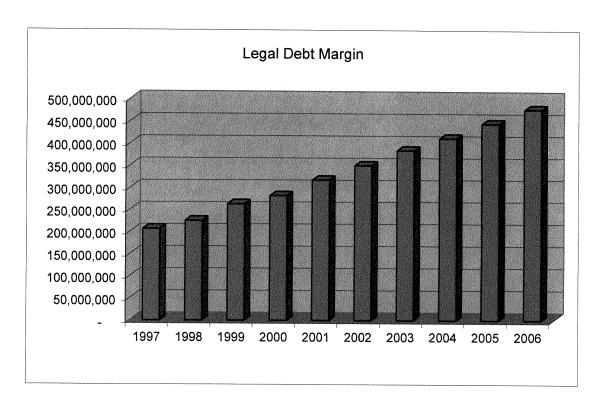
The legal debt margin is calculated at any point in time by deducting the amount of the current outstanding G.O. debt from the statutory debt limit. The reason for performing this calculation is to determine the maximum amount of new debt that could be legally issued should the need arise. With the annual budgeted expenditures in the General Fund being only around \$47.6 million, there would appear to be more than sufficient debt capacity available to the County.

On December 1, 1997, the County redeemed the last of the outstanding G.O. bonds. This absence of any outstanding bond indebtedness means that Fayette County has the entire 100% percent of its legal debt capacity available to it.

The Board of Commissioners has entered into a lease-purchase arrangement with the Fayette County Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for the construction of a new jail and judicial center complex. As provided by law, the issuance of revenue bonds for this purpose does not count against the legal debt margin.

## STATEMENT OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Assessed Property Values	Percentage	Debt Service Monies <u>Debt Limit</u>	Net Bonded <u>Debt</u>	Legal Debt <u>Margin</u>
1997	2,068,870,000	10.00%	206,887,000	420,000	206,467,000
1998	2,248,416,000	10.00%	224,841,600	-	224,841,600
1999	2,630,193,000	10.00%	263,019,300	-	263,019,300
2000	2,816,670,000	10.00%	281,667,000		281,667,000
2001	3,172,197,561	10.00%	317,219,756	-	317,219,756
2002	3,503,049,483	10.00%	350,304,948	-	350,304,948
2003	3,844,204,427	10.00%	384,420,443	-	384,420,443
2004	4,118,425,304	10.00%	411,842,530	-	411,842,530
2005	4,446,670,984	10.00%	444,667,098	-	444,667,098
2006	4,776,347,705	10.00%	477,634,771	-	477,634,771



General Obligation Bonds. Periodically, the County issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major general government capital facilities. General obligation (G.O.) bonds are direct obligations and thus represent a pledge of the full faith and credit of the government. Fayette County currently has no general obligation bonds outstanding.

<u>Revenue Bonds</u>. The County and its component units also issue bonds where the issuer pledged income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service.

Public Facilities Authority - In June of 2000, the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) issued \$55.25 million in Series 2000 revenue bonds for the purpose of the construction of a Criminal Justice Center. In September of 2001, \$50.44 million in Series 2001 refunding revenue bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay or to be applied toward the cost of refunding by redemption and payment the Series 2000 bonds maturing on and after June 1, 2011. Concurrently, Fayette County entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the PFA to lease purchase the facility. This contractual arrangement calls for the County's semi-annual lease payments to be in an amount equal to the debt service payments on the revenue bonds. For financial reporting purposes, the Public Facilities Authority is considered to be a component unit of Fayette County and thus the debt is properly reported as being attributable to Fayette County government.

Fayette County Public Facilities Authority (Georgia) issued revenue bonds which are currently outstanding can be described as follows:

\$5,355,000 Series 2000, Criminal Justice Center Project Revenue Bonds, due in annual installments of \$965,000 to \$1,185,000 through June 1, 2010; and interest from 5.0% to 5.5%.

\$49,065,000 Series 2001, Criminal Justice Center Project Revenue Bonds, due in annual installments of \$200,000 to \$3,660,000 through June 1, 2030; and interest from 3.0% to 5.0%.

At June 30, 2005, the Public Facilities Authority was obligated to make combined payments of principal and interest in its outstanding revenue debt as follows:

Fiscal Years			Total
Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2006	1,165,000	2,681,036	3,846,036
2007	1,220,000	2,623,656	3,843,656
2008	1,280,000	2,562,681	3,842,681
2009	1,345,000	2,497,851	3,842,851
2010-2014	7,760,000	11,452,395	19,212,395
2015-2019	9,735,000	9,471,164	19,206,164
2020-2024	12,405,000	6,799,000	19,204,000
2025-2030	19,510,000	3,552,500	23,062,500
Totals	\$54,420,000	\$41,640,283	\$96,060,283

Fayette County Water System Enterprise Fund - The Water System issued revenue bonds which are currently outstanding are as follows:

<u>\$5,855,000</u> remains outstanding from the original issue of \$10,245,000 Series 1996A Water Revenue Bonds. The majority of these bonds are due in annual installments on October 1 ranging from \$575,000 in FY 2002 to \$920,000 in FY 2012. An additional \$270,000 in term bonds is scheduled for redemption in various amounts from FY 2013 through FY 2021.

Interest is paid semiannually with rates ranging from 3.9% to 5.5% based on maturity. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$16,540,000 remains outstanding from the original issue of \$18,090,000 Series 1998 Water Revenue Bonds.

Serial Bonds: \$ 6,040,000 are due in annual installments on October 1 ranging from \$190,000 in FY 2002 to \$545,000 in FY 2014.

<u>Term Bonds</u>: \$ 12,050,000 is scheduled for redemption in various amounts from FY 2015 through FY 2028.

Interest is paid semiannually with rates ranging from 4.25% to 5.0% based on maturity. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$22,670,000 Series 2002 Water Revenue Bonds was issued July 2, 2002. The Series 1992A bond with a balance of \$18,525,000 was originally defeased with the Series 2002 issue, but was later called and retired October 1, 2002.

<u>Serial Bonds</u>: \$20,850,000 in serial bonds are due in annual installments on October 1 ranging from \$50,000 in FY 2004 to \$2,250,000 in FY 2022; Interest is paid semiannually with rates ranging from 3.25% to 5.00% based on maturity.

<u>Term Bonds</u>: \$ 465,000 is due October 1, 2027 and \$1,355,000 is due October 1, 2032. Interest is paid semiannually at a rate of 5.125%

The following is a summary of bond transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005:

	Balance	Bonds	Bonds	Balance
Bond Issue	July 1, 2004	Issued	Retired	June 30, 2005
Series 1996A	6,515,000	0	660,000	\$5,855,000
Series 1998	16,945,000	0	405,000	\$16,540,000
Series 2002	22,275,000	0	400,000	
Total Water Bonds	\$45,735,000	\$0	\$1,465,000	\$44,270,000

At June 30, 2005, the Water System was obligated to make payments of principal and interest on its outstanding revenue bond debt as follows:

Fiscal Years			Total
Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2006	1,530,000	2,120,154	\$3,650,154
2007	1,590,000	2,054,350	
2008	1,660,000	1,985,224	\$3,645,224
2009-2013	9,485,000	8,699,019	\$18,184,019
2014-2018	11,960,000	6,125,799	\$18,085,799
2019-2023	15,340,000	2,674,341	\$18,014,341
2024-2028	1,185,000	543,847	\$1,728,847
2029-2033	<u>1,520,000</u>	202,334	\$1,722,334
Totals	\$44,270,000	\$24,405,068	\$68,675,068

Advance Refunding. In prior years, the County advance refunded certain water revenue bonds by placing the proceeds of new bond issues in irrevocable trusts with escrow agents for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. With this financial arrangement, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased in substance. Accordingly, the trust account assets and liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the County's financial statements.

At June 30, 2005, \$370,000 of outstanding revenue bonds are considered defeased.

Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Loans. The Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority is a State agency which offers low interest financing to other political subdivisions for their water and sewer capital needs. The Water System Enterprise Fund has received eight GEFA loans for various water system construction projects.

At June 30, 2005, the Water System Enterprise Fund's long-term liabilities included the following loans:

\$158,289 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$593,063 for the construction of the Quarters Road water line. This December 1988 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$12,574 beginning March 1, 1989. The interest rate is 5.8% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$42,019. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$176,004 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$603,000 for the construction of the Crabapple water tank. This June 1989 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$12,280

beginning September 1, 1989. The interest rate is 5.3% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$40,589. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$448,533 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$797,000 for the construction of Phase 1 of the Water Line Looping Project. This August 1994 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$15,109 beginning November 1, 1994. The interest rate is 4.8% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$39,613. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$779,033 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$1,434,000 for the construction of Phase 2 of the Water Line Looping Project. This February 1995 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$23,158 beginning March 1, 1996. The interest rate is 5.12% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$69,220. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$1,283,719 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$2,087,000 for the construction of Phase 3 of the Water Line Looping Project. \$321,290 of the original loan amount was not needed for the project and was returned to the Georgia Loan Fund. This September 1996 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$35,515 beginning November 1, 1997. The interest rate is 5.16% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$77,301. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$1,614,560 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction of Phase 4 of the Water Line Looping Project. This May 1997 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$40,027 beginning October 1, 1999. The interest rate is 5.1% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$79,265. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$730,096 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$1,450,000 for the construction of Phase 5 of the Water Line Looping Project. \$209,766 of the original loan amount was not needed for the project and was returned to the Georgia Loan Fund. This May 1995 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$21,978 beginning October 1, 1996. The interest rate is 5.6% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$48,023. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$1,801,980 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction of South Fayette Water Treatment Plant. This November 2000 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$41,037 beginning February 1, 2002. The interest rate is 5.4% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$68,207. The debt is serviced through the Water System Enterprise Fund.

\$1,922,942 represents the principal balance remaining on the original loan amount of \$2,000,000 for the construction of a 2 million gallon elevated water tank at Highway 85/Ellis Road. This May 2001 loan was made by GEFA for a period of twenty years and is payable in quarterly installments of \$38,997 beginning May 1, 2004. The interest rate if 4.79% over the life of the loan. The current principal portion of the loan is \$65,035. The debt is serviced through the water System Enterprise Fund.

The following is a summary of GEFA loan transactions for the year ended June 30, 2005:

	Balance			Balance
Construction Project Fund	July 1, 2004	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2005
Quarters Road Water Line	\$197,957	\$0	\$39,668	\$158,289
Crabapple Water Tank Loan	214,511	0	38,507	\$176,004
Phase 1 Water Line Loop Loan	486,300	0	37,767	\$448,533
Phase 2 Water Line Loop Loan	844,820	0	65,787	\$779,033
Phase 3 Water Line Loop Loan	1,357,157	0	73,438	\$1,283,719
Phase 4 Water Line Loop Loan	1,689,909	0	75,348	\$1,614,561
Phase 5 Water Line Loop Loan	775,521	0	45,425	\$730,096
South Fayette Water Plant Loan	1,866,625	0	64,645	\$1,801,980
Ellis Rd/Hwy 85 Water Tank	1,984,953	0	62,011	\$1,922,942
Total GEFA Loans Payable	\$9,417,753	\$0	\$502,596	\$8,915,157

At June 30, 2005, the Water System Enterprise Fund was obligated to make payments of principal and interest on its outstanding Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) loans as follows:

Fiscal Years			Total
Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2006	529,272	448,588	977,860
2007	557,369	420,491	977,860
2008	586,962	390,898	977,860
2009	592,802	359,910	952,712
2010	547,955	330,489	878,444
2011-2015	3,054,569	1,198,463	4,253,032
2016-2020	2,241,350	468,817	2,710,167
2021-2024	804,877	67,336	872,213
Totals	\$8,915,156	\$3,684,992	\$12,600,148

Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2005 Minimum Minimum Midpoint Midpoint Maximum Maximum Grade Title of Classified Position Annual Hourly Annual Hourly Annual Hourly 17 Communications Equipment Operator \$19,262 \$9.26 \$ 24,078 \$ 11.58 \$ 28,894 \$ 13.89 Custodian 18 Appraiser Aide \$20,220 \$9.72 \$ 25,275 \$ 12.15 \$ 30,329 \$ 14.58 Cook **Elections Clerk** Laborer Library Assistant Receptionist/Clerk Court Clerk I \$21,270 \$10.23 \$ 26,588 \$ 12.78 \$ 31,905 \$ 15.34 Groundskeeper I Inventory Clerk - Water Adoption Counselor Records Clerk Warrant Clerk 20 Billing Representative \$22,321 \$10.73 \$ 27,901 \$ 13.41 \$ 33,481 \$ 16.10 Customer Service Representative Equipment Operator I Meter Reader Property Tax Clerk Sign Technician Tag Clerk 21 Collections Representative \$23,488 \$11.29 \$ 29,360 \$ 14.12 \$ 35,233 \$ 16.94 Computer Operator Control Terminal Officer Custodial Crew Leader Elections Office Clerk Groundskeeper II Human Resources Technician IRP/Tag Clerk Lead Tag Clerk Secretary Automotive Service Worker \$24,679 \$11.86 \$ 30,849 \$ 14.83 \$ 37,019 \$ 17.80 Court Clerk II Equipment Operator II Fuel Truck Operator Landfill Operator Water Distribution Maintenance Worker Accounting Technician \$25,940 \$12.47 \$ 32,425 \$ 15.59 \$ 38,910 \$ 18.71 Animal Control Officer Appraisal Technician Appraiser I **Building Maintenance Worker** Delinquent Tax Officer **Engineering Technician** Field Service Representative Grounds Crew Leader

Jail Maintenance Worker

Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2005

		Minimum		ucture - Effect Midpoint	ive July 1, 2005 Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum
Grade	Title of Classified Position	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly		
	Permit Technician Plant Operator Class III Purchasing/Payroll Technician Terminal Agency Coordinator Utility Locator Water Plant Maintenance Worker Wetlands Caretaker Zoning Technician	Amuda	Tabulty	Ailitual	Houry	Annual	Hourly
24	Administrative Secretary Communications Operator Deputy Sheriff - Non-Certified Detention Officer Emergency Medical Services Technician Equipment Operator III Heavy Equipment Mechanic Landfill Supervisor Mechanic	\$27,247	\$13.10	\$ 34,059	\$ 16.37	\$ 40,871	\$ 19.65
25	Appraiser II Buyer Constable Corporal - Non-Certified Housekeeping Supervisor Plant Operator Class II Road Crew Leader I Senior Accounting Technician Senior Communications Operator Tax Mapper/Cartographer	\$28,625	\$13.76	\$ 35,781	\$ 17.20	\$ 42,938	\$ 20.64
26	Administrative Coordinator Animal Control Supervisor Benefits Administrator Building Inspector I Building Maintenance Crew Leader Construction Inspector Court Clerk III Deputy Tag Agent Elections Officer Erosion Control Inspector Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Intake Officer Juvenile Probation Officer Lead Mechanic Meter Reader Supervisor Property Tax Supervisor Road Crew Leader II School Resource Officer - Deputy Sheriff Shift Supervisor - Communications Victim Witness Advocate	\$30,073	\$14.46	\$ 37,591	\$ 18.07	\$ 45,109	\$ 21.69

Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2005 Minimum Minimum Midpoint Midpoint Maximum Maximum Grade Title of Classified Position Annual Hourly Annual Hourly Annual Hourly 27 Assistant Public Services Librarian \$31,637 \$15.21 \$ 39,546 \$ 19.01 \$ 47,455 \$ 22.82 Athletic Coordinator Building Inspector II **Communications Training Officer** Deputy Court Clerk Deputy Court Clerk - Juvenile Lab Analyst Plant Operator Class I Recreation Special Programs Coordinator Water Distribution Crew Leader Billing Operations Supervisor - Water 28 \$33,248 \$15.98 \$ 41,560 \$ 19.98 23.98 \$ 49,872 \$ **Building Inspector III** Criminal Investigations Division Assistant Customer Service Supervisor **Environmental Technician** Human Resources Coordinator Maintenance Supervisor Office Manager-Fire and Emergency Services Office Manager - Permits and Inspections Office Manager - Solicitor General Senior Plant Operator Records Management Supervisor 29 Appraiser III \$34,929 \$16.79 \$ 43,661 \$ 20.99 \$ 52,394 \$ 25.19 Assistant Recreation Director **Building Inspector IV Building Maintenance Engineer** CAD Manager (Computer Aided Dispatch) Finance Officer - Water System **Human Resources Specialist** Recreation Program Supervisor Zoning Coordinator Assistant Water Treatment Plant Manager \$36,727 \$17.66 \$ 45,909 \$ 22.07 \$ 55,090 26.49 Building Inspector V Chief Court Clerk - Juvenile Chief Deputy Clerk - Administration Chief Deputy Court Clerk Environmental Technician II Information Systems Technician Lead Appraiser Programmer Public Services Librarian Staff Sergeant Assistant Director of Permits and Inspections \$38,571 \$18.54 \$ 48,214 \$ 23.18 \$ 57,857 \$ 27.82 Assistant Maintenance Director Fleet Superintendent Network Administrator Program Analyst

Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2005 Minimum Minimum Midpoint Midpoint Maximum Maximum Grade Title of Classified Position Annual Hourly Annual Hourly Annual Hourly 32 Accountant - Fixed Assets \$40,533 \$19.49 \$ 50,666 \$ 24.36 \$ \$ 60,799 29.23 Accounting Analyst Administrative Court Assistant Assistant Library Director Law Clerk Senior Planner Systems Analyst Webdeveloper Administrative Manager - Water \$42,611 \$20.49 \$ 53,263 \$ 25.61 \$ 63,916 \$ 30.73 Civil Engineer Deputy Chief/Appraiser III Deputy Marshal-Lieutenant Deputy Tax Commissioner Director of Animal Control Executive Assistant/PIO-Administration Lieutenant-Inspector/Investigator Road Superintendent Water Distribution Manager Water Treatment Plant Manager 34 Accounting Supervisor \$44,782 \$21.53 \$ 55,978 \$ 26.91 \$ 67,173 \$ 32.29 Assistant Communications Director **Budget Officer** Capital Assets Manager **Elections Supervisor** Human Resources Administrator 35 Assistant Information Systems Director \$47,047 \$22.62 \$ 58,809 \$ 28.27 \$ 70,570 \$ 33.93 Assistant Solicitor General **Assistant Planning Director** Deputy Director of Administration - Sheriff **Executive Assistant/Public Information Officer** 36 Chief Appraiser \$49,452 \$23.77 \$ 61,815 \$ 29.72 74,178 35.66 37 Assistant Public Works Director \$51,973 \$24.99 \$ 64,967 \$ 31.23 \$ 77,960 37.48 Assistant Water System Director Assistant Director of Engineering Assistant Director of Finance/Internal Auditor Deputy Sheriff - Captain/Pilot Director of Communications Director of Maintenance Director of Recreation **Emergency Management Coordinator-Captain** EMS Educator - Captain Fire Marshal - Captain Reserve Unit Coordinator - Captain Zoning Administrator Assistant Director Finance/Controller \$54,635 \$26.27 \$ 68,294 \$ 32.83 \$ 81,953 \$ 39.40 Chief Marshal/Safety Director Deputy Chief Director of Permits and Inspections Director of Planning Director of Purchasing Human Resources Director Major/Director of Administration

Salary Range Structure - Effective July 1, 2005 Minimum Minimum Midpoint Midpoint Maximum Maximum Grade Title of Classified Position Annual Hourly Annual Hourly Annual Hourly Director of Engineering 39 \$57,413 \$27.60 71,767 \$ 34.50 \$ 86,120 \$ 41.40 41 Director of Information Systems \$63,391 \$30.48 \$ 79,238 \$ 38.10 \$ 95,086 \$ 45.71 42 **Business Services Director** \$66,636 \$32.04 \$ 83,295 \$ 40.05 \$ 99,954 \$ 48.05 Community Development Division Director Leisure Service/Development Division Director Director of Fire/Emergency Services Lt. Colonel Public Safety Division Director Transportation Division Director **Utilities Division Director** 44 Assistant County Manager \$73,617 \$35.39 \$ 92,022 \$ 44.24 \$ 110,426 \$ 53.09 F4 Firefighter/EMT Trainee \$27,159 \$9.85 \$ 33,949 \$ 12.32 \$ 40,739 \$ 14.78 F8 Firefighter/EMT \$33,012 \$11.98 41,265 \$ 14.97 17.97 49,519 \$ F11 Firefighter/Paramedic \$38,216 \$13.87 \$ 47,770 \$ 17.33 \$ 57,324 \$ 20.80 F13 **Emergency Services Lieutenant/Station Officer** \$42,133 \$15.29 52,666 \$ 19.11 63,200 \$ 22.93 F17 **Emergency Services Captain/Station Commander** \$51,213 \$18.58 64,016 \$ 23.23 \$ 76,820 \$ 27.87 S8 Deputy Marshal \$33,012 \$14.76 \$ 41,265 \$ 18.46 49,519 \$ 22.15 Deputy Sheriff Deputy Sheriff - Corporal \$34,663 \$15.50 43,329 \$ 19.38 51,995 23.25 S10 Deputy Marshal - Investigator \$36,396 \$16.28 45,495 \$ 20.35 54,594 \$ 24.42 Deputy Sheriff - Investigator Deputy Sheriff - Warrant Specialist S11 Dare Officer - Sergeant \$38,216 \$17.09 \$ 47,770 \$ 21.36 57,324 \$ 25.64 Deputy Marshal - Sergeant Deputy Sheriff - Sergeant S13 Deputy Marshal - Lieutenant \$42,133 \$18.84 \$ 52,666 \$ 23.55 63,200 \$ 28.26 Deputy Sheriff - Lieutenant

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Deputy Sheriff - Captain

Accounting System - The total set of records and procedures which are used to record, classify and report information on the financial statements and operations of an entity.

Accrual Basis of Accounting - The method of accounting under which revenues are recorded when they are earned (whether or not cash is received at that time) and expenditures are recorded when goods and services are received (whether or not cash disbursements are made at that time).

Ad Valorem Property Taxes - Taxes levied on an assessed valuation (40% of market value) of real and personal property, based on a valuation as of January 1 and a millage rate set by the County Commission.

Appropriation - An authorization made by the County Commission which permits officials to incur obligations against and to make expenditures of governmental resources. Appropriations are usually made for fixed amounts and are typically granted for a one year period.

Asset - All the property such as cash, inventory and receivables that is owned by a business or government and may be applied to cover liabilities.

Budget - A financial plan for a specific period of time that matches all planned revenues and expenditures with various County services.

Budget Adjustment - A legal procedure utilized by County staff to revise a budget appropriation. County staff has the authorization to adjust line item expenditures within a departmental budget but the County Commission must approve any increase in the total budget for a department.

Budget Calendar - The schedule of key dates or milestones which the County follows in the preparation, adoption and administration of the budget.

Budget Document - The instrument used by the County Administrator to present a comprehensive financial plan to the County Commission.

Budget Message - A general discussion of the proposed budget presented in writing as a part of the supplement to the budget document. The transmittal letter explains the principal budget issues against the background of financial experience in recent years and presents recommendations made by the County Administrator.

Budget Ordinance - The official enactment by the County Commission legal authorizing County Officials to obligate and expend resources.

Budgetary Control - The control or management of a governmental unit or enterprise in accordance with an approved budget for the purpose of keeping expenditures within limitations of available appropriations and available revenues.

Capital Asset - Assets of significant value and having a useful life of several years. Capital assets are also called fixed assets.

Capital Budget - A plan of proposed capital expenditures and the means of financing them. The capital budget is usually enacted as part of a complete annual budget which includes both operating and capital outlays. The capital budget should be based on a capital improvement program (CIP).

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - A multi-year plan used to identify needed capital projects and coordinate their timing and methods of financing.

Capital Improvement Project - An item in excess of \$5,000 for which the purchase, construction, or other acquisition will represent a public betterment to the community and add to the total capital assets of the County.

Capital Outlay - Includes outlays which result in the acquisition of or addition to fixed assets. The item must have a cost greater than \$1,000 and have a useful life greater than one year.

Contingency - A budgetary reserve set aside for emergencies or unforeseen expenditures not otherwise budgeted for.

Cost Center - An organizational budget or operating unit within the County.

*Debt* - An obligation resulting from the borrowing of money or from the purchase of goods or services over a period of time. Legal definitions of debt vary form state to state and are determined by constitutional provisions, statutes, and court decisions.

Debt Limit - A maximum amount of debt that may be legally incurred. A debt limit usually only applies to general obligation debt and is most often expressed as a percentage of the taxable value of property in a jurisdiction.

Debt Service - The amount of money required to pay maturities of principal on bonds plus the interest due on the outstanding debt, usually reported on an annual basis.

Debt Service Fund - A fund used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

Debt Service Requirement - The amount of money necessary for scheduled payment of outstanding debt, both principal and interest becoming due during the fiscal period, and contributions which may be required to accumulate monies for the future retirement of bonds.

Department - A major administrative unit of the County with overall management responsibility for an operation or a group of related operations within a functional area.

Depreciation Expense - Depreciation of capital assets within the various enterprise funds.

*Encumbrance* - Obligations in the form of purchase orders, contracts or salary commitments which are chargeable to an appropriation and for which part of the appropriation is reserved. They cease to be encumbrances when paid or when an actual liability is set up.

Enterprise Fund - A governmental accounting fund in which the services provided are financed and operated similarly to those of a private business. The rate schedules for these services are established to ensure that revenues are adequate to meet all necessary expenditures.

Expenditure - Decrease in net financial resources. Expenditures include current operating expenses requiring the present and future use of net current assets, debt service, capital outlays and intergovernmental grants, entitlement, and shared revenues.

Expenses - Outflows or incurrences of liabilities from delivering or producing goods, rendering services, or carrying out other activities that constitute the entity's ongoing major or general operations.

Fiscal Year - The time period designated by the County signifying the beginning and ending period for recording financial transactions. Like the State, Fayette County has specified July 1 to June 30 as its fiscal year.

Fixed Asset - Assets of long-term character which are intended to continue to be held or used, such as land, buildings, machinery and furniture.

Fund - A fiscal and accounting entity which is comprised of a self-balancing set of accounts which reflect all assets, liabilities, equity, revenue and expenditures (or expenses) necessary to disclose financial position and the results of operations. Funds are established as individual entities in order to segregate financial records for the purpose of legal compliance, different natures of the activities performed, measurement of different objectives, and to facilitate management control.

Fund Balance - Refers to the excess of current assets over current liabilities.

General Obligation (G.O.) - Bonds sold to raise revenue for long-term capital financing needs. These bonds which pledge the full faith and credit of the County must be approved by voter referendum. The cost of financing is spread over the life of the improvement so that future users help to repay the cost of the improvement.

General Sales and Use Tax - A percentage tax imposed upon the sale or consumption of goods and/or services.

*Grant* - A contribution by a government or other organization to support a particular function or program.

*Infrastructure* - Basic installations and facilities (e.g., roads, bridges) upon which the continuance and growth of a community depend.

Insurance Premium Tax - A tax on the gross direct premiums received during the preceding year from policies of fire and casualty insurance issued upon property and business located within the State of Georgia. The tax is distributed based on census population numbers.

*Intangibles* - Tax levied on intangible personal property such as securities, mortgages and cash based on returns filed with the State of Georgia.

*Intergovernmental Revenue* - Revenues received from other governmental entities in the form of grants, entitlements, shared revenues or payments in lieu of taxes.

*Interest Income* - Revenue earned for the use of idle monies.

*Interfund Transfer* - Contributions and operating transfers of cash made between the various funds of the County.

*Investment* - Securities purchased and held for the production of income in the form of interest, dividends or base payments.

Lease Purchase - A method of acquiring high cost equipment or property and spreading the payments over a specified period of time.

Liability - Debt or other legal obligations arising out of transactions in the past which must be liquidated, renewed or refunded at some future date. This term does not include encumbrances.

Line- Item Budget - A budget that lists each expenditure category separately along with the dollar amount budgeted for each specified category.

Millage Rate - The ad valorem tax rate expressed in terms of the levy per thousand dollars of taxable assessed value.

Modified Accrual Basis - The basis of accounting under which expenditures other than accrued interest on general long-term debt are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred and revenues are recorded when received in cash except for material and/or other available revenues which should be accrued to reflect properly the taxes levied and revenue earned.

Operating Budget - The portion of the budget pertaining to daily operations that provide basic governmental services. The operating budget contains appropriations for such expenditures as personnel, supplies, utilities, travel, fuel, and capital outlay.

*Performance Measures* - Specific quantitative and qualitative measures of work performed as an objective of the department or cost center.

Property Tax - Revenue generated from the annual levy of taxes on property owners.

Purchase Order - A document issued to authorize a vendor or vendors to deliver specified merchandise or render a specified service for a stated estimated price. Outstanding purchase orders are called encumbrances.

*Reserve* - An account used to indicate that a portion of a fund's fund balance is legally restricted for a specific purpose or commitment and is, therefore, not available for general appropriation.

Revenue - The term designates an increase to a fund's assets which does not increase a liability, represent a repayment of an expenditure already made, represent a cancellation of certain liabilities or represent an increase in contributed capital.

Zero-Based Budget - An operating, planning and budgeting process which requires each manager to justify all dollars requested from scratch.